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Cox et al.

Appl. No. 09/942,919

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For: **Endoluminal Prostheses and
Therapies for Highly Variable
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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	AE7	5,507,771	04/1996	Gianturco			
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 citing twenty (20) references (AA7-AN7, AR7, and AA8-AE8);
3. A copy of each of the twenty (20) cited references (AA7-AN7, AR7, and AA8-AE8) and;
4. One (1) return postcard.

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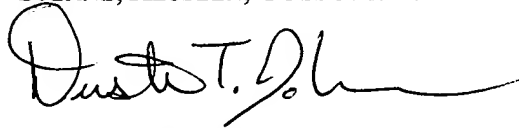
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